

# Indiana Historical Society

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A full publishing program is planned by the Historical Society for 1946. Its latest *Publication*, *Pioneer Sketches of the Upper Whitewater Valley* by Bernhard Knollenberg, appeared at the end of 1945 and was distributed in January. The next *Publication* will appear in the fall. It will be the late George R. Wilson's report on the Buffalo Trace, the historic trail from New Albany to Vincennes.

Meanwhile, the next number in the *Prehistory Research Series* will be issued this spring. It will be a monograph by Vernon Kinietz, formerly of the University of Michigan Museums, entitled *Delaware Culture Chronology*. In co-operation with the Historical Bureau, the Society is sponsoring a memorial volume to Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, to consist of several of his addresses on Indiana and the Old Northwest and on his philosophy of history. This volume will be distributed to libraries within the state, but must be sold to individuals. Members will be given an opportunity to subscribe to the volume at a later date.

At the last executive committee meeting, it was voted to publish in pamphlet form a list of the members of the Society, the constitution, and a list of the *Publications* before the annual meeting in December. Meanwhile, every effort will be made to gain as many new members as possible. In this effort, each member can assist by sending to the secretary's office the names of prospects who might care to join.

The *Proceedings* of the Indiana History Conference of last December were published in the special January issue of the *Indiana History Bulletin* and distributed to members. The library committee has prepared a special annual report of the William Henry Smith Memorial Library which is being separately printed and will be sent to all members.

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Mrs. Charles C. Kryter, of Indianapolis, has made a gift to the Society's library of 110 first editions of Indiana authors and early histories from the private library of the late Mr. Kryter, an executive of the Bobbs-Merrill Company and for many years a member of the Historical Society. A few titles were duplicates of books already in the library, so Mrs. Kryter generously permitted the library to trade

the duplicates for other titles which the Historical Society would like to own. All of the books will carry the library's bookplate with a notice of the donor's name.

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By the time you read this, the Angel Mounds archaeological site near Evansville, owned and excavated by the Historical Society since 1938, will be in the hands of the Department of Conservation, to be administered as a state memorial for the educational benefit of the people of Indiana. The Society retains the right to continue explorations in the area, but it is expected that the Conservation Department will make some reconstructions of the old Indian village, erect a museum, and provide guides to show the public through the site. This transfer was made as a gift, after the Society had saved the site for posterity by purchasing it.

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